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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
JULY 12-13, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for July 12-13, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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2. Hurriyet, Milli Gazete, Milliyet, / PKK killed four villagers in Bingol. Eight PKK terrorists came in Yumakli Village in Bingol and killed two fathers and their sons for informing Turkish Security Officials about the hidden places of the terrorists on the mountains. The Governor of Bingol and the Chief Commander of Gendarme visited the village to pay their condolences and to start the investigations.

3. Hurriyet / Kahraman Guvenc, PKK terrorist who was involved in the terrorist attack to the Governor of Tunceli was arrested by the Turkish Security Forces. Two grenades and about 90 bullets were found with him.

4. Bolge / Anjel Meyrioglu, the spokesperson of the Human Rights Organization (HRO) Youth Branch protested against the draft law of the government's Higher Education System. "The draft law does not give any authority to students to make decisions as students," she said.
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